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By the King and Queen,

A PROCLAMATION For a GENERAL FAST.

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WHereas for about a Year last past, a Wicked Rebellion hath been Carried on and Maintained against Their Majesties in Their Kingdom of Ireland, (which is known to be inseparably Annexed to the Imperial Crown of England) which Rebellion hath been Contrived, Incouraged, and chiefly Supported, by the French King, Desigining by that means to make an absolute Conquest of the said Kingdom, and hold it as a Province, or else to bring a total Ruine and Destruction upon the same; for which, and other Causes, Their Majesties have been Oliged to enter into a Just and Necessary War against the said French King. And whereas His Majesty is Resolved, by the Assistance of God, Vigorously to prosecute the said War by Sea and Land; and so Effectually to Reduce that Kingdom to its due Obedience, that Their Majesties Good Subjects there may not only be Released from the present Force and Violence, but be Secured against all such Aggressions for the Future, and be Settled in a Firm and Lasting State of Peace, Safety, and Prosperity: For which purpose, His Majesty hath determined to make a Royal Voyage and go thither in Person, putting His Trust in Almighty God, (who hath by his marvellous Providence hitherto Preserved and Conducted His Majesty) That he will vouchsafe a special Blessing on this His righteous Undertaking, and thereby Consume the Deliverance of these Kingdoms. Their Majesties taking the Premises into Their most Serious Consideration, have thought fit to Appoint, and do, by and with the Advice of Their Privy Council, hereby Appoint and Command a General and Publick Fast and Humiliation to be Observed throughout this Realm in most Devout and Solemn manner, for Supplicating Almighty God for Pardon of our Sins, and Imploring His blessing and Prosperity of His Arms in Ireland, and the Naval Forces, to be Religiously Kept and Observed on Wednesday the Twelfth day of March next, throughout Their Majesties Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and thenceforward to be observed on the Third Wednesday in every Month successively, during the present War. And for the more Orderly Solemnizing of the said several Fast Days, Their Majesties have given Directions to the Right Reverend Bishops of this Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayers suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship; And have given Charge for the Dispersing thereof through their several Diocesses in the whole Kingdom. And Their Majesties do most Expressly Charge and Command, that the said Fastings and Prayers be Sincerely, Reverently, and Decently, Performed by all Their Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of such Punishments as Their Majesties can justly inflict upon all such as shall Contemn or Neglect so Religious a Work.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Twentieth Day of February, 1689. In the Second Year of Our Reign.

Vienna, February 16. The Letters from N^o 7 of the 29th of the last Month, tell us, That they work day and night on the Fortifications of that place, which are already considerably advanced. That great Supplies of Provisions and Ammunition had been sent thither from *Bellgrade*. That General *Peterini* had sufficiently provided for the Security of the neighbouring Garrisons; and had

sent an Officer to *Widin*, to receive the 1500 Horses which the Prince and States of *Valachia* are to furnish, according to their late Agreement with Prince *Louis* of *Basil*, for remounting the Imperial Cavalry. That they were not Turks, but Hungarians and Arnoves, that fell upon the Garrison of *Kazanecke*, and cut most of them in pieces. And that a German Officer, who had made his Escape, reported, That the Prince of *Hanouer*, Colonel *Strasser*, and several other Officers that were thought to have been killed, were Prisoners, and in the hands of the Turks. Fresh Advices from the Frontiers of *Valachia* say, That General *Heuser* had quitted *Bagarest*, the Capital City of that Province, and was retired with the Imperial Troops (whose Quarters on that side lay too open to the Tatars) towards the Frontiers of *Transylvania*, where he had ordered them to Encamp. The Turkish Envoys are still at *Cornor*, and pretend to be indisposed, but the Interpreter *Lakowitz* is sent thither to call upon them to proceed on their Journey towards *Turky*.

Francfort, Feb. 21. The Elector of *Triers* arrived here the 19th Instant from *Ausbourg*, and parted again this day for *Coblenz*, the place of his usual Residence.

Cologne, Feb. 24. We have an account from *Munichen*, That their Imperial Majesties parted from thence on the 13th Instant, with the whole Court, on their return towards *Vienna*. The Confederates are preparing a great Magazine at *Natis*.

Hambourg, Feb. 21. We hear from *Poland*, That the *Dyer* had entered upon the Consideration of the Matters proposed to them by the King; the chief Points of which were, The Prosecution of the War; the Payment of the Arrears due to the Army; and the Regulating the current Money of that Kingdom. They write from *Berlin*, That Preparations were making for their Electoral Highness's Journey to *Prussia*, but the time of their setting out was not yet fixed.

Brussels, Feb. 23. The Count *de Bergeyke*, who has been in *Flanders* to settle some Matters about the Payment of the Troops, returned hither this Evening. A party of the Garrison of *Andenard* has lately defeated 300 French Horse, who were come between that place and *Courtray*, with a design to have seized upon all the Horses in the Spanish Villages, having killed 10 or 12 of them, (of which number was a Captain and a Lieutenant) and taken several Prisoners. Another of our Parties had this week the like Success in a Rencontre with some French Troops near *Chatteroy*. We hear, That the Prince of *Leige* has promised to joyn 6000 Men with the Confederate Forces against the next Campaigne.

Hague, Feb. 23. The 25th Instant Don *Colonna* Envoy Extraordinary from *Spain*, and the *Sieur Dieff*, who is here in the same Quality from the Elector of *Brandenburg*, were in Conicrence with the Deputies of the States General about the mater of the Contributions. The Count *de Berka* has made his Vits as Plenipotentiary from the Emperor; and the other Plenipotentiaries, that are yet wanting, are daily expected. The Preparations for the Campaigne go on very vigorously.

Falmouth, Feb. 20. Yesterday passed by this Harbor a Fleet of about 40 Sail of Merchant Men to the westward, the Wind at N. E.

Plimouth, Feb. 23. The 19th Instant sailed from hence about 40 Sail of *Hamburgers*, *Suedes*, *Danes* and *Dutch* Merchant Ships, under the Convoy of two Men of War, to wit, a *Suede* and a *Hamburger*. The 20th came in here a great many Merchant Ships with their Convoy from *Spitzhead*. The Fleet with the Queen of *Spain* is arrived in *Torkay*, the Wind is now at W. N. W.

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